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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

J. R. NEESER et al.

Application No.:

09/779,596

Filing Date: February 9, 2001

INCORPORATION OF EXOGENOUS

LACTIC BACTERIA INTO THE ORAL

MICROFLORA

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: K. Kerr

Attorney Docket No.: 88265-406

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, be extended for a period of two (2) months from March 18, 2003, to and including May 18, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$400.00. Please charge the required fee to Winston & Strawn Deposit Account No. 501-814.

Respectfully submitted,

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